



"Our old history ends with the cross;  
Our new history begins with the resurrection."  
- Watchman Nee

"That Jesus of Nazareth died upon a cross is mere matter of history; that He who did so die was the Christ the Son of God is entirely a matter of revelation."  
- Sir Robert Anderson

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances. - Robert Flatt

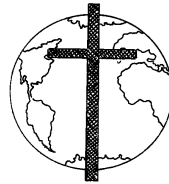


"The resurrection proclamation could not have been maintained in Jerusalem for a single day, for a single hour, if the emptiness of the tomb had not been established as a fact." - Paul Althus

### MISSION APPEAL

Every year Scottish parishes are divided up and so many are given to each Missionary Group for an official appeal. This is to avoid having lots of appeals and in this way each parish has **one** official missionary appeal.

This year **The Holy Ghost Fathers** will be coming to our parishes to preach and receive the second collection at all masses on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May.



## PARISH EASTER FAYRE



The Easter Fayre realised a profit of **£707.60** which will be divided between both parishes. Congratulations for all the effort and good will put in which has given a huge reward. Many thanks to those on the Social Committee who did all the organising and also to all those who volunteered, donated and contributed in any way.

The turn out was excellent and we thank everyone for their effort.

### DOLLY MIXTURES ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

The Knights of St. Columba are promoting an event in St. Mungo's hall with the Dolly Mixtures on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, there are 15 free places for each parish. If you are interested, and there are still spaces, put your name down on the list at the back of the church which has all the information.



Newsletter for the Parishes of

# St. Bernadette's & St. John Vianney's

Diocese of Dunkeld (Scottish Charity No. SC001810)

**24th April & 1st May 2011, Easter Sunday & Divine Mercy Sunday**

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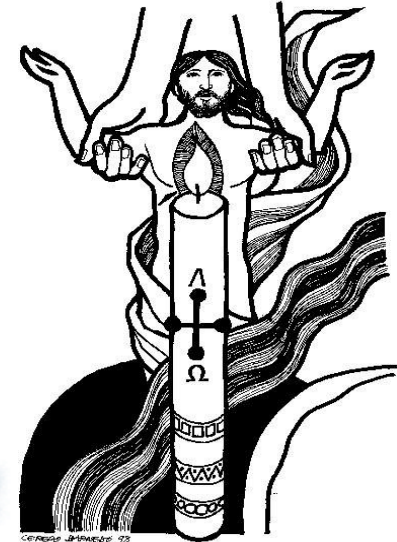


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# Welcome

If you are a visitor to our Parish or have just moved into the area, then please feel very welcome. Introduce yourself to the Parish Priest or welcomers at the back of the church. Remember there are no strangers here just new friends you just haven't yet met.

### Parish Finance Collections



St. Bernadette's 17th April 2011	£462.97
St. John Vianney's 17th April 2011	£448.44



**Please Remember in Your Prayers those who are sick.....**

Jean McCann, Dan Tierney, Josie Nicholl, Hugh Mangan, Lawrence Allan, Mary Wilkie, Vera Kasciewicz, Mary Dryland, Jackie Smith, Mary McGeehan, Mary Elliot, Jackie Davies, Hilda Borkowski, Betty Whittton, Alec Paterson, Sarah Lownie, Christie Scott, Sandy Taylor, Theresa Cook, Jean Quinn, Brendan Murphy, Violet Lindsey, Georgina Fraser, Veronica Day, Alma White, Mrs. Roy, Lidia Kochanek and all those in the various nursing homes.

**Remember those who have recently died.....**

**and those whose anniversaries of their death occur at this time....** Anne Lynch and Jeremiah Scott

No newsletter next week.  
The next newsletter will be on Sunday 8th May

Websites: [www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes](http://www.catholic-church.org/stbernadettes) & [www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys](http://www.catholic-church.org/stjohnvianneys) or Google us !!!

## DIARY AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

	Sunday Morning Masses at <i>St. John Vianney's, 9.30am &amp; St. Bernadette's, 11.30am</i>	Sunday Evening Mass at <i>St. John Vianney's, 6.15pm</i>
Holy Saturday 23rd April	8.00pm - St. John Vianney's <b>SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL, THE RESURRECTION</b> 10.00pm - St. Bernadette's <b>SOLEMN MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL, THE RESURRECTION</b>	
Sunday 24th April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS</b> Mass times as normal	
Monday 25th April	9.30am - Mass , St. John Vianney's. Feast of St. Mark	
Tuesday 26th April	No Masses in parish	
Wed 27th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Thursday 28th April	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's	
Friday 29th April	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's	
Saturday 30th April	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 12noon - Baptism, St. Bernadette's	
Sunday 1st May	Mass times as normal Divine Mercy Sunday	
Monday 2nd May	9.30am - Mass , St. John Vianney's.      7.00pm - F&M in parish house	
Tuesday 3rd May	No Masses in parish	
Wed 4th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's      10.30am - PFC in parish house	
Thursday 5th May	9.30am - Mass, St. Bernadette's      ELECTION DAY	
Friday 6th May	9.30am - Mass, St. John Vianney's	
Saturday 7th May	9.30am - Mass and Confessions, St. Bernadette's 11.00am - Baptism, St. John Vianney's	
Sunday 8th May	Mass times as normal. Confirmations, St. Bernadette's Third Sunday of Easter	
15th May	World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
29th May	Mission Appeal by The Holy Ghost Fathers & Special Collection	
16th May	6.00pm - First Confessions, St John Vianney's, Alva	
16th June	Education Mass, Cathedral, Dundee	
19th June	First Communions, St. Bernadette's	

## EASTER MESSAGE

The apostles had lived three very intense years with Jesus. During that time Sacred Scripture had become a reality to them as Jesus reminded them that God had made a covenant with his people. He would care for them and be always present but they in turn were to walk in God's ways never to forget God had freed them from the slavery of Egypt; that He was the God of the exploited, excluded, marginalized of society. The apostles had probably accompanied with fear as Jesus' attitudes and actions – those wonderful miracles on the Sabbath days! – led him into direct conflict with the religious authorities and his preaching on the first being last and service, had awakened the anger of the civil authorities. Really His radical life dedicated to the poor and excluded had only one logical conclusion. Death on the cross was inevitable - but he was their friend. He had promised so much, given them so much hope. It had been an intense living experience and they could not imagine life without him. But the inevitable had happened. The hope of the Kingdom and everything he had preached seemed lost. And they too were lost and bewildered. Everything was over. They had nothing to live for. The only alternative was to be cowards, or at the very least self preservation, and avoid the Romans and the incited crowds and head off back home – and quickly. And then it happened. First the women with their amazing news of seeing and talking to Jesus and then Jesus actually appeared, talked and ate with them. Stupid fools, dumb learners, weak in faith but the unthinkable had happened, just as He said it would. He was ALIVE. Jesus had been crucified and died and God's response to this injustice was to raise Jesus. They now could only believe and with this, new life was born within them again. A new hope existed never to go away again. A new strength; the strength of God enters their lives. It was an invisible strength but to be very visible in its effects.

For all those who struggle today, marginalized more and more by the one sided economic oppression in the world; suffer from natural and ecological disasters, man made conflicts, sickness and hunger and know what it really means to struggle between life and death, Jesus' death, His resurrection and His promise for us to share in that same resurrection, gives a new meaning to life. This belief in the Risen Jesus makes it unavoidable we have to act and transform our world.

There is no other alternative if we believe in Jesus' victory over death.

Happy and victorious Easter to all!

*Fr. Mike*

## THANK YOU

**Many thanks to all those who contributed and collaborated in some way offering their time, talents and services to make Holy Week and Easter a profound spiritual time of celebration and community living because of the Risen Lord.**